

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were presented for examination. Claims 1-15 were rejected. Applicant is hereby amending claim 1 to claim the invention more distinctly. Reconsideration of this application as amended, and allowance of all pending claims are hereby respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 7 and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Fujiwara et al. (JP 05-181154). By separate paper, an English language translation of Fujiwara et al. is being filed concurrently herewith for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. For at least the reasons stated below, Fujiwara et al. do not disclose or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention.

The present invention, as recited in claim 1 for example, relates to a display device including display area, a scanning line driving circuit and a signal line driving circuit. The scanning line driving circuit and the signal line driving circuit are arranged on the same peripheral side of the display area in a cascaded manner.

Fujiwara et al. do not disclose or suggest a display device in which "said signal line driving circuit and said scanning line driving circuit are arranged on the same peripheral side of said display area in a cascaded manner" as recited in independent claim 1. In contrast to the Applicant's claimed invention, Fujiwara et al. disclose a single driving circuit that is arranged on one peripheral side of the display area. That is, Fujiwara et al.'s single driving circuit 502 is not a cascaded arrangement of the signal and scanning line driving circuits. *See, e.g., Fujiwara et al.*

at paragraph [0016]. Therefore, Fujiwara et al. do not teach or suggest a cascaded arrangement of signal and scanning line circuits as originally claimed.

Regarding dependent claims 7 and 11-12, Fujiwara et al. do not teach or suggest each and every claim element for at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 1.

The dependent claims also include additional patentable recitations.

Because Fujiwara et al. fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention, it cannot anticipate claim 1 or claims 7 and 11-12 which are dependent therefrom.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Dependent claims 2-6, 8-10 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Fujiwara et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,437,775 (Hanari), U.S. Patent No. 6,674,495 (Hong et al.), U.S. Patent No. 6,304,241 (Udo et al.), U.S. Patent No. 6,486,606 (Ting), and prior art admitted in the present application (Applicant's Admitted Prior Art) in various combinations. These rejections are respectfully traversed. For at least the reasons stated herein, a combination of Fujiwara et al. with any of Hanari, Hong et al., Udo et al., and Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, even if proper, does not disclose the claimed invention.

As described above with respect to independent claim 1, Fujiwara et al. do not disclose or suggest a display device in which "said signal line driving circuit and said scanning line driving circuit are arranged on the same peripheral side of said display area in a cascaded manner."

Although the Office Action relies on of Hanari, Hong et al., Udo et al., and Applicant's Admitted Prior Art to overcome the deficiencies of Fujiwara et al., the proposed combination, even if proper, does not teach or suggest each of the claim elements. Therefore, dependent claims 2-6,

8-10 and 13-15 should also be considered allowable over the proposed combination.

Furthermore, the dependent claims include additional patentable recitations that are not disclosed in the proposed combination of references. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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